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SUBJECT: OMANI RESPONSE TO FRIENDS OF IRAQ CONFERENCE

REF: A. STATE 56560
[1](#)B. STATE 50592

[1](#)1. (SBU) Post delivered ref A invitation to the Friends of Iraq Conference on May 13 via diplomatic note. The Omani Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) contacted the Embassy on May 24 to request a copy of the agenda for the conference. On May 28, post transmitted ref B information, including the proposed conference agenda, to the MFA under cover of another diplomatic note.

[1](#)2. (SBU) During a June 1 meeting with Minister Responsible for Foreign Affairs Yusef bin Alawi, the Ambassador urged the Omani government to participate in the Friends of Iraq Conference. Bin Alawi responded that he would "take a close look" at the invitation and agenda. Post will follow up with MFA and Ministry of Defense officials to promote Omani attendance at the event.
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